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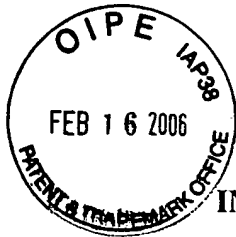
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One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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JP 10-144448 published May 29, 1998 which corresponds to US 6,341,501 published
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JP 07-070787 published March 14, 1995 which corresponds to US 5,480,536 published
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JP 01-283386 published November 14, 1989 which corresponds to US 4,963,198
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